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By Barbara Mittal

Sis and Junior are enrolled at the University of Montana, but there is a good chance most of their family back home also will participate in University educational activities during the year.

In the past year more than 10,000 persons, other than regular University students, registered for extension or correspondence courses, workshops, seminars or conferences on the campus or in their own communities.

Because the University is a state project, the Division of Extension and Public Service and many academic departments make educational activities available to adults throughout the state. Several University departments also offer special training and competition for high school students in music, journalism, speech, drama, art, athletics and science through annual conferences on the campus.

While the University students are busy on campus, Mom and Dad will attend a professional seminar or enroll in an extension or correspondence course either on campus or in their hometown. Young brother and sister probably will make at least one trip to the campus for the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association conference, State Music Festival, State Science Fair or Interscholastic athletic competition.

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One of the University's services available to Montanans in their own communities is the offering of extension courses. At the request of local groups University courses are taught in several communities through the Home Study and Extension Office. Arrangements are made for a faculty member to travel to the communities once or twice a week to conduct the class.

In the past year extension courses were conducted for 790 adults in Columbia Falls, Deer Lodge, Great Falls, Kalispell, Libby, Polson, Alberton, Darby, Helena, Troy, Dixon and Missoula, according to Mary Margaret Courtney, home study and extension secretary.

Another 1,696 persons registered for correspondence courses which they studied by themselves at home.

Numerous seminars and workshops were conducted for businessmen, foresters, postal employes, food distributors, social workers, educators, lawyers and home economists at the University and in several Montana cities.

A middle management lecture series, which was initiated in autumn 1964, included ten weekly lectures on management topics ranging from marketing to public relations. The series was so successful it was offered again upon request in Missoula and in Great Falls and Kalispell. It will be offered again this year in other cities, including Helena and Butte.

Real estate agents attended seminars on current licensing laws and problems of qualifying salesmen, offered by the University in Helena, Great Falls, Kalispell, Butte, Bozeman, Billings, Glendive and Missoula.

National figures often are invited to speak at conferences on campus. Among them was Chicago's superintendent of schools who spoke to 139 school administrators on "Schoolboard-Superintendent Relations" on the University campus in July.

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Montana's vacationland was the ideal setting for another kind of workshop-- a school to train outfitters and guides. The school, the first of its kind in the United States, trained 16 young men to meet the growing demand for guides for tourists and hunters in wilderness areas.

Several programs have been instituted at the University which will indirectly benefit the entire state in the long run. These include training of specialists to administer Project Headstart in the state, training of Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel and establishment of research stations at Glasgow, Broadus and Wildhorse Island on Flathead Lake.

Most of the past year's 25 or more conferences will be repeated and more will be added. There is a continuing demand for extension and correspondence courses. More and more the University is becoming an important source of new information and ideas for all Montanans.

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